

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 4, add the following paragraph before the “DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS” in line 20:

“According to yet another aspect of the invention, a mouthguard may have a frame member having an inwardly facing rear surface disposable adjacent a wearer’s teeth, and an outwardly facing front surface disposable adjacent to the wearer’s lips and cheeks. One of said front and rear surfaces may include a transition separating the one surface into first and second portions that are offset from each other such that the first portion extends outwardly further than second portion. The first portion may be an upper portion of the frame member, the second portion may be a lower portion of the frame member, and the transition may be in the form of a shoulder separating the upper and lower portions from each other. A first bite tab portion maybe adapted to engage at least a portion of a front tooth of the wearer when the jaw of wearer is closed. The first bite tab portion may have a proximal side adjacent the rear surface of the frame member, and a distal side opposite the proximal side. A second bite tab portion may be adapted to engage at least a portion of a back tooth of the wearer when the jaw of wearer is closed. The second bite tab portion may have a proximal side adjacent the rear surface of said frame member, and a distal side opposite the proximal side. The mouthguard protects the teeth of the wearer without inducing gagging and need not be boiled or trimmed prior to being used by the wearer.”

Please substitute the following new paragraph into the specification in between lines 28 and 29 on page 7 of the application (between “in FIG. 4.” and “In an alternative design to these mouthguards shown in FIGS. 1-6 . . .”), in place of the paragraph added there by the Preliminary Amendment dated July 1, 2002.

“As shown in FIGS. 4-5, the second embodiment contains a third horizontal groove 201 located on the front curved surface of the mouthguard. The groove 201 is defined by a shoulder 204 located just above aperture 130, and below helmet strap attachment 20. In this example, the shoulder 204 is located at about the level of the inwardly projecting elements 18a and 18b. Because of the shoulder 204, the front curved surface 202 of the mouthguard located immediately above the inwardly projecting elements has a greater circumference than the front curved surface of the mouthguard located below the inwardly projecting elements. In other words, the mouthguard’s top front curved surface 202 generally extends farther outside than does its bottom front curved surface 203.”